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Indiana State Immunization Conference

There is still time to register for the State Immunization Conference. Registration closes October 5, 2007. If you do not register for the conference, on-site registration will be available, but lunch is not guaranteed for those who register on-site.

The conference will be presented twice – once on October 16 and again on October 17. Please register for one day only through the following website:

http://www.in.gov/isdh/programs/immunization/ImmunizationNewsandEvents/awards_reg_form.htm

If you have registered but have not received a confirmation within 3 working days, please contact Robert Bruce Scott at rbscott@ISDH.IN.gov.

Influenza Vaccine Ordering Update

In the next two weeks providers should begin to receive quantities of Sanofi Pasteur's 10 dose vials followed by 0.25 mL Pediatric Syringes of **Fluzone** vaccine.

Reminder: In order to ensure that all provider receive an equitable share of the available influenza vaccine, providers will receive their requested order of influenza vaccine in full, if available supplies

allow, or, an equitable percentage of their requested order, if orders for specific presentations exceed the allocated supply.

Influenza vaccine distribution will continue to be based on the following prioritization:

- 1.Providers who submitted “Pre-Booking” vaccine orders by May 11, 2007.
- 2.Providers who submitted influenza vaccine orders after the May 11, 2007 pre-Booking deadline, in order of the date received.

It is anticipated that Indiana will receive enough influenza vaccine to ensure that all providers receive a majority of the influenza vaccine ordered for their patients. However, please be advised that requests for some formulations of the vaccine will exceed the actual number of doses the Indiana Immunization Program will receive. Substitutions will be necessary in order to fill all of the requested orders. VFC staff will contact providers prior to making any substitutions of vaccine formulations. Providers will be given the choice of accepting the substitution or declining the remainder of that specific vaccine formulation order.

We are working with State Medicaid program to allow providers to provide their own private vaccine if a VFC eligible child presents in the office and that office does not have VFC influenza vaccine available. Medicaid will be providing a banner soon regarding the billing process for influenza vaccine provided from private stock to accommodate delays in receipt of VFC influenza vaccine.

2007-08 Flu Clinic Locator Now Available

American Lung Association

The American Lung Association’s Flu Clinic Locator, a national system that enables all public health departments to easily advertise their influenza clinics to the public, is now available. Visitors to the site simply enter their zip code to find information about all clinics in their area, with information on clinic dates, times, and locations, sorted by clinic date.

To add specific clinic information to the Flu Clinic Locator, partners can download an agreement form and fax it back to the American Lung Association at 212-315-8870. Additionally, the American Lung Association is currently holding ongoing training conference calls for those interested in hosting a clinic, for which schedules are available online as well. Postings are now being accepted and will be being uploaded this month.

To View: <http://www.flucliniclocator.org>

Enrollment Form: <http://www.lungusa.org/site/pp.asp?c=aqKGLXOAIIH&b=3090427>

Influenza Web Resources

CDC has many influenza resources available at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu> and a gallery of educational materials for the public and healthcare providers at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/gallery>. Please check the CDC's Flu Gallery for new materials throughout the influenza season.

The National Influenza Vaccine Summit--a partnership of more than 100 stakeholders representing both public and private organizations in influenza vaccine research, production, distribution, advocacy, and administration--has a website with additional influenza resources:

<http://www.preventinfluenza.org>. In addition, the American Medical Association (AMA) hosts the Influenza Vaccine Availability Tracking System (IVATS) on its website. IVATS, a tool to assist healthcare professionals in finding vaccine to purchase, can be found at <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/16919.html>.

Managing Pertussis Q&A

Q: What **testing** is available for isolating *Bordetella pertussis* or *B. parapertussis*?

A: If you suspect a patient has pertussis (whooping cough), nasopharyngeal swabs collected for cultures and PCR testing can differentiate between pertussis and parapertussis. Although PCR testing is not currently available at the ISDH laboratory, culture and DFA testing are available at the ISDH lab.

Because many respiratory illnesses have similar symptoms, it is extremely important to order useful laboratory tests. Serologies are not recommended since the test results can be inaccurate and misleading.

Q: Is there an updated list of antibiotics recommended for **treatment**?

A: Yes. The most current CDC recommendations can be found on the CDC Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5414a1.htm> as well as the ISDH Web site: <http://www.in.gov/isdh/healthinfo/pertussis/RecommendedPertussisControlMeasures2006.pdf>

Q: Am I required to **report** a pertussis case?

A: The Communicable Disease Reporting Rule requires all health care providers to report all suspected cases of pertussis to the local health officer of the county of the patient's residence. The Communicable Disease Reporting Rule for Physicians, Hospitals, and Laboratories is available online at: http://www.in.gov/isdh/publications/comm_dis_rule.pdf

Q: How is pertussis prevented?

A: Vaccination is the best way to protect your patients, your staff, and yourself from contracting pertussis. In addition to completing the childhood DTaP immunization series, consistent use of the Tdap vaccine is the newest, effective tool to prevent infection among adolescents and adults.

CHIRP User Group Meetings

Call (888) 227-4439 or go to the *CHIRP.IN.GOV* to register.

October 18, 2007
Allen County Health Department
1 East Main Street

Fort Wayne, IN 46802
9:30am – 12:30pm

October 29, 2007
St. Joseph County Public Library
304 South Main Street
South Bend, IN 46601
9:30am – 12:30pm

General CHIRP Training

Date: November 8, 2007
Time: 10:00AM – 12:00PM (noon)
Register: 888-227-4439
Deadline: November 2, 2007
Location: Indiana State Dept. of Health, Rice Auditorium, 2 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN

This training is designed for new users and as a refresher course for current users. Everything a user needs to know including patient and vaccination look-up, patient demographics; administered and historical vaccinations, lot number management, reports, and personal settings.

CHIRP Report Module Training

Date: November 8, 2007
Time: 1:00PM – 3:00PM
Register: 888-227-4439
Deadline: November 2, 2007
Location: Indiana State Dept. of Health, Rice Auditorium, 2 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN
Learn to utilize a wide variety of reports to review the facility and patient data in CHIRP.
Includes Vaccination Reports, VFC Reports, Site Reports, Patient Reports, Data Quality Reports.

CHIRP Tip

When entering or editing a patient, adult or child, use their legal first name and legal last name. You can use the alias first name and alias last name fields for nicknames.

Contact Us

For questions and comments, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at:
Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov or 800-701-0704.